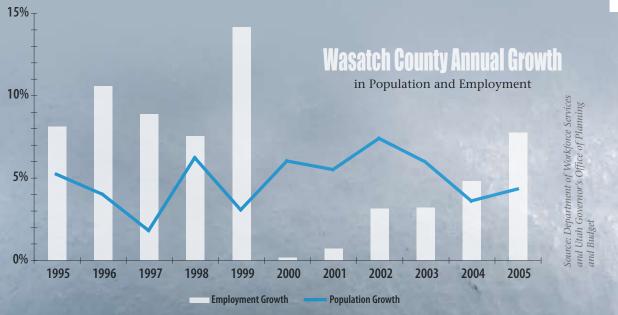
Masatch County



An "urban fringe" county with a rural background, Wasatch County is fast becoming a major year-round recreational mecca for Utah's urban dwellers. The county has three large reservoirs, a historic railroad, and the 2002 Winter Olympic cross-country and biathlon venue of Soldier Hollow anchoring a multitude of outdoor leisure opportunities.

With commuting times of less than 45 minutes, Wasatch County has strong recreational and economic ties to both the Salt Lake and the Provo/Orem metropolitan areas.

Residential construction is booming with relatively low interest rates and

people seeking to locate in a scenic, rural setting within close proximity of urban amenities.

Since the 2000 Census, the Wasatch County population has increased by 38.4 percent, making it the second fastest-growing county in the state, not too far behind the blistering population growth of Washington County's 49.3 percent.

A few facts about Wasatch County:

- Ice fishing is popular on the highelevation Strawberry Reservoir.
- Jobs in the leisure and hospitality industry comprise 17.5 percent of

nonfarm employment in Wasatch County. The statewide average is 9.1 percent.

- The largest city in Wasatch County is Heber with 9,147 residents.
- Eighty-nine percent of Wasatch County residents over the age of 25 have at least a high school diploma and 26.3 percent have at least a bachelor's degree, according to the 2000 Census.